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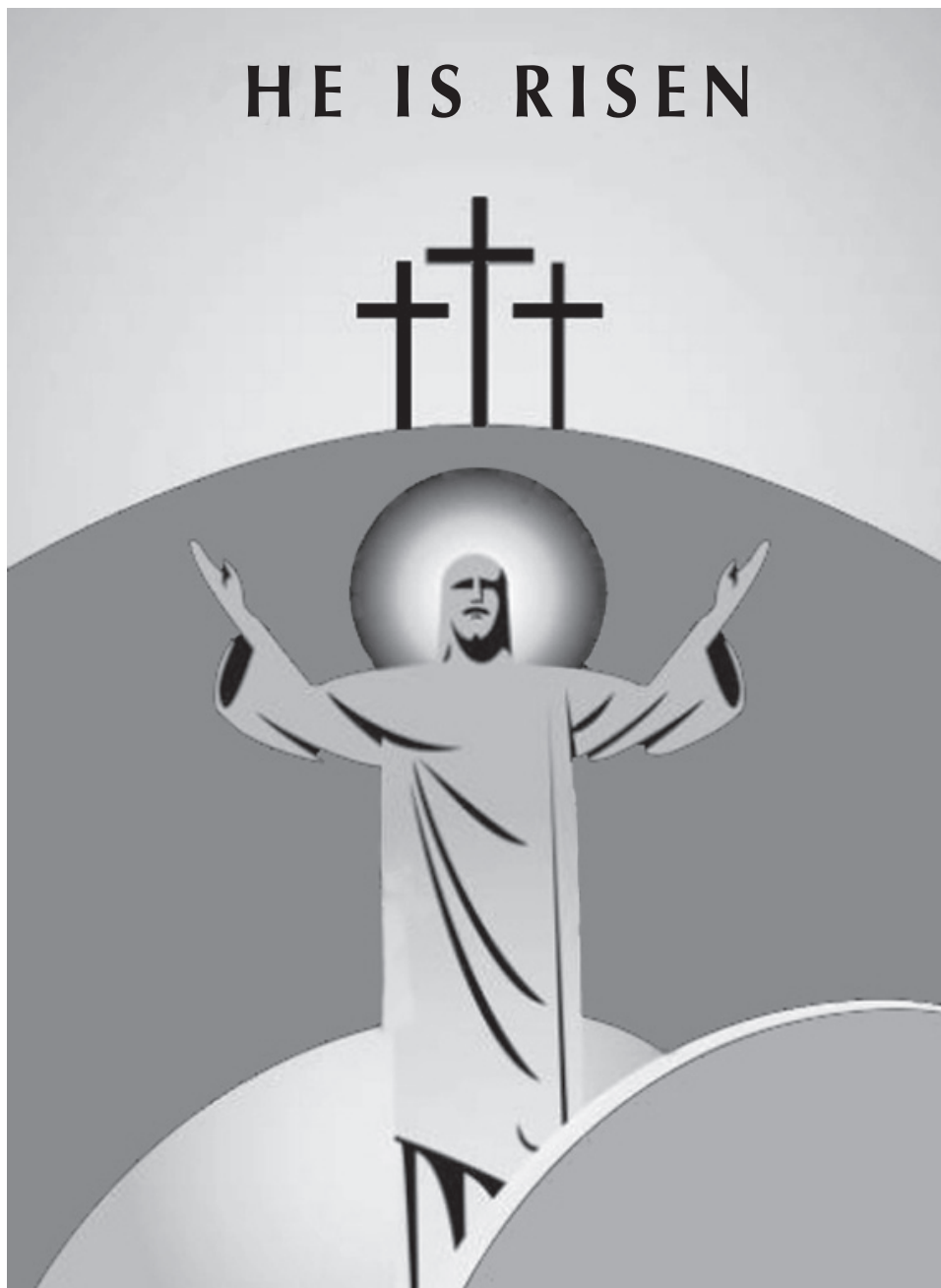
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# HE IS RISEN



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

April 5 <sup>th</sup> to April 11 <sup>th</sup>	SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION	SALANGA FAMILY	
READINGS	LITURGY	INTENTION	PLEASE PRAY FOR
<b>Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Easter Sunday -The Resurrection of the Lord</b> Acts 10.34a, 37-43 Colossians 3.1-4 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8 John 20.1-18++ <i>"According to the scripture, Jesus must rise from the dead"</i>	<b>Easter Sunday Masses</b> 6:30 a.m.  8:30 a.m.  10:30 a.m.  12:30 p.m.	+Manuel Carvalho  +Patience Momoh  Our Parish Community  +Janos Szabo	The Resurrection of the Lord
<b>Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Octave Acts 2.14, 22-33 Matthew 28.8-15	<b>Daily Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Mary Perianayagam	Rev. Andrew Quarshie
<b>Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Octave Acts 2.36-41 John 20.11-18	<b>Daily Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Joanna & Ronald Carpio	Rev. Ronald Voisin
<b>Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Octave Acts 3.1-10 Luke 24.13-35	<b>Daily Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Michael Silva & Family	Jesuit Father, S.J.
<b>Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Octave Acts 3.11-26 Luke 24.35-48	<b>Daily Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.  <b>Birkdale</b>	+Jackson Mok  Sp. Int. of Selma Deans & Family	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
<b>Friday, March April 10<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Octave Acts 4.1-12 John 21.1-14	<b>Daily Mass</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sp. Int. of Marie-Jeanne & Robert	Rev. Richard Dordunu
<b>Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup></b> Easter Octave Acts 4.13-21 Mark 16.9-15	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 5:00 p.m. <i>(Livestreamed)</i>	+Francisco Abaquita +George Cherian Sp. Int. of Marie-Jeanne & Robert Sp. Int. of Peter Chorobik Soul of Rodricks	Rev. Donald Sanvido



Our parish bulletin is also available online. For more information, updates and events, please visit our parish website: [www.stbenedictparish.ca](http://www.stbenedictparish.ca)



### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and your family to Saint Benedict Parish! Please introduce yourself to Father Larry. Registration forms are available on the table at the church Narthex, from the website or by scanning this code.

### EASTER SEASON

*"The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them "the great Sunday". Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing."*

### THE LORD IS RISEN!, HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!

Wishing you and your families a **HAPPY EASTER!**  
 From Fr. Parent, Fr. Reitzel, Dcn. Joe, Dcn. Leonard and the staff of St. Benedict Parish



### SPECIAL THANKS TO

TMIY, Legion of Mary, Charismatic Prayer Group, She Shall Be Called Woman, Catholic Moms group, Knights of Columbus and Living Stations of the Cross Volunteers for leading the Stations of the Cross

To Audio/Visual, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy, Choir, Collection Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and all parish volunteers who helped and served during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

To all participants at Holy Thursday's Washing of the Feet

To all parishioners for your continued generosity

St. Benedict Parish is truly blessed with a community so willing to share their time, effort, talent, and support throughout our Masses and services this Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Your dedication enriches our celebrations and strengthens the spirit of our parish family. May God continue to bless you for the love and service you offer. You remain an important and cherished part of our parish community.

APRIL 5, 2026



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

March 30, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Peace be with you!” (Jn 20:19)

With these words, the Risen Lord greeted His disciples after His Resurrection. With these same words, He greets us today; quietly, gently, yet with steadfast presence. Into our worries, fears, and uncertainties, Christ comes and stands among us, offering His peace.

This Easter is especially meaningful for me, as it is my first with you as your bishop. I give thanks to God for the gift of being your shepherd and for the grace of celebrating the Resurrection among you. It is a joy to walk with you in faith and to proclaim together that Christ is risen.

This year, our joy is even greater as we welcome an extraordinary number of new Catholics, men and women who, through Baptism, are born into new life in Christ. Their “yes” to the Lord is a powerful witness. It reminds us that the Risen Lord is still calling people, still renewing lives, still making all things new.

The peace He offers is not like the peace the world gives (Jn 14:27). It is not fragile or passing, but a gift that takes root within us and transforms us, so that we may become witnesses of hope. As Saint Paul reminds us, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:17). But Christ is risen and this changes everything.

Easter invites us not so much to understand everything, but to trust and believe. Like the first disciples, we may not always recognize Him right away. Yet through prayer, His Word, and the Eucharist, we discover that He is already with us, calling us by name and walking beside us and slowly, His peace fills our hearts. It changes how we see others, how we respond to difficulties, and how we live each day. We become, in quiet but real ways, witnesses of His presence, bringing patience where there is tension, kindness where there is hurt, and light where there is darkness. Our world deeply needs this peace: the faithful presence of those who know that Christ is alive. Each of us is called to carry this peace into our families and communities.

May this Easter renew in us faith that Christ is truly Risen, that He is with us, and that His love is stronger than anything we may face.

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter!

† *Joseph Dabrowski*, CSMA

Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA  
Bishop of Hamilton

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA's!!**

*Aaron, Dana, Dominika, Susan, Jerry, Jimmy, Kaelani, Kristy,  
Lien, Matt, Moh, Funke, Oriri, Shauna & Nico*

May the sacraments they receive renew their hearts and guide their steps as they follow God with joy. May God Bless them today and always.



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The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) is the voice of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the publicly funded English Catholic System of Education in the Province of Ontario since 1939. OAPCE is hosting their annual conference this year on Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at St. Francis Xavier SS in Mississauga. If you are interested in attending, please register online via their [website](https://www.oapce.org/)

**HELP NOT HARM**

Every Life is Precious – Protect Mental Health and Support Bill C-218  
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You are invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) to quickly and respectfully contact your federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. Without this amendment, MAiD will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. A vote is expected to take place mid-April 2026. Our Catholic faith teaches that every human life is a sacred gift from God. We are called to accompany those who suffer, to uphold their dignity, and to ensure they receive authentic care, compassion, and hope. Mental illness requires treatment, support and love — never abandonment or the offer of death. Many of us know someone living with mental illness — a family member, friend, neighbour, or colleague. At this critical moment, let us raise our voices in faithful witness to the Gospel of life. Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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